



Preparing a Baptismal Testimony

At New Vision Fellowship, we want individuals who attend any of our baptismal services to understand some important truths about baptism. This practice isn't a social ritual or some work we undergo in order to receive God's grace; it is a public profession of faith through a visible testimony of how we have chosen to entrust our lives to the grace and forgiveness that Jesus Christ has extended to us. If your life hasn't been entrusted to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, then baptism is not for you. Your plunge into and rising again out of the watery grave of baptism must be a picture of and an association with Christ's death, burial, and resurrection as one who has already been saved by Him through faith.

One very practical way we drive this distinction home is through a brief testimony that tells of what Christ has done, is doing, and will do in our lives as we trust in Him. The testimony worksheet on the second page of this document aims to help you testify in this way. This is only a guide; your testimony may look different, and that's fine. Our hope is simply that you will use this tool to guide your thinking in preparing your own testimony to be shared by someone else you choose on the day when you step forward to be baptized. Parents, you may help your little ones to complete this exercise, but I do want this testimony to capture their own thoughts and experiences.

Please prepare your testimony and return or email a photo of what you have prepared to the church office in preparation for your baptism. You may either choose to directly write out your statements to complete the recommended emphases, or you may choose to write out or type up a separate statement that conveys similar details in a different format. In either case, please prepare your testimony and either return or email a photo of what you have prepared to the church office.

As your pastor, I would be happy to speak with you if you should have any questions.

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Name _____ Date _____

Complete the following statements:

1. My life before Christ was:

2. I came to realize I needed Christ when:

3. I was saved by Christ (how, when, and/or where):

4. Now that I am saved, Christ has changed my life in the following ways:

5. By being baptized today, I want to tell the world that Christ: